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SUBJECT: KING ON US TV NETWORK INTERVIEW

1. GOVT. TV STATION LATE EVENING OCT. 21 CARRIED

PORTIONS TV INTERVIEW OF KING BY CBS NEWSMAN DON WEBSTER FILMED

OCT 21. ARABIC TRANSLATION SUPERIMPOSED ON ENGLISH DIALOGUE

(KING ANSWERED MANY QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH) MADE FOR TOUGH MONITORING

BUT WE FAIRLY CONFIDENT OF SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS HIGHLIGHTED

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BELOW. SUGGEST DEPT ATTEMPT OBTAIN AND SHARE WITH US AND INFO.

ADDRESSEES TEXT OF INTERVIEW ASAP. KING SAID:

-----SC IN SESSION ONLY TO "CONSIDER" QUESTION SPAIN'S MOTION AND NOT "DEBATE" IT.

-----SC "MIGHT" GET MOROCCO TO AGREE STOP MARCH, BUT ONLY IF RESOLUTION PASSED GIVING "GUARANTEES" THAT SPANISH WOULD NEGOTIATE "RETURN" OF SAHARA TO MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA.

-----MARCHERS WILL TAKE UP TO THREE DAYS TO WOULD 80 KMS FROM BORDER TO AL AYIUN. THEY WILL NOT STAY THERE. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT TOO DIFFICULT AND FRAGILE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE (NOTE: NO TIMING GIVEN FOR BEGINNING OF MARCH FROM BORDER).

-----WHEN MARCHERS RETURN, THEY WILL BE REPLACED BY "NATIVE SAHRAOUI" WHO ARE OF COURSE MOROCCANS.

-----BOUTEFLIKA, AS WELL AS BOUMEDIENE THROUGH TUNISIAN PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT NOT ONE ALGERIAN SOLDIER WILL FIGHT IN SAHARA (NOTE: TIMING THESE "ASSURANCES" UNSPECIFIED).

-----IF F POLISARIO FORCES, FOR EXAMPLE, GET IN THE WAY THEY WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE ASIDE.

-----HE HOPES SPANISH SOLDIERS WILL SAY "FAREWELL" TO US AS MOROCCAN MARCHERS ENTER.

-----HE HAD NO INTENTION OF ACTING LIKE "PHOSPHATE OPEC" IF AS SAHARA'S RICHES COME INTO MOROCCO'S POSSESSION.NEUMANN

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